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Tokyo Talking Points

1—A World Movement

THE World's Sunday School Convention, to be held at Tokyo, Japan, during the first two weeks of October, 1920, is looked forward to by national Sunday-school and missionary leaders as one of the most important of the world gatherings following the war. Tokyo is the gateway of the Orient, a field of vast population and potentialities for good or ill.

It should bring together representatives of sixty nations and as many denominations.

It is backed in Japan by a Promoting Committee of sixty of Japan's leading men and a committee representing the missionary and native Sunday-school forces.

Coming at a time when the world is seeking new, yet sure, paths, it will offer a way through religious education for foundationing the future. It should prove a profound force in influencing national policies along lines of brotherhood and good-will.

2—Delegates

As a fundamental consideration, sight-seers *as such* will be excluded from the delegation. It is realized that the delegates must make a Christian

impact upon the Orient. No delegate will be accepted unless thoroughly credentialed by the pastor of the local church, state or provincial Sunday-school secretary, as well as by this Association. In other words, we are seeking for picked men and women who will make a contribution to the Orient by their standing and character and whose reaction upon the home field will make them valuable lay or professional propagandists for missions.

3—Plans for Intensive Study of Fields by Delegates

The following plans will suggest the educational value of the trip from the standpoint of missions:

(a) Each delegate will be furnished with a handbook indicating mission stations of the Orient.

(b) It is proposed to have illustrated lectures on shipboard showing in graphic form the character of the missionary work in the fields to be visited, lectures to be given by missionaries and Sunday-school specialists.

(c) At the Convention there will be assembled a complete exhibit of material on religious education from each field and stereopticon and motion pictures will visualize these activities.

(d) Cooperating Committees of missionaries are being organized in each field and at each center, to guide delegates to denominational mission work and to explain such work. It is a point in the agreement with the transportation agency that tour plans must conform to this missionary educational purpose.

4—Tokyo Plans

All available reservations have been made by Thos. Cook & Son, the Convention Transportation Agents, upon steamers of five Transpacific lines. The entire space on the EMPRESS OF JAPAN has been reserved. An AROUND THE WORLD TRIP is planned for.

Present reservations have been made for 1,000 delegates. This number may be later increased to 1,200 or 1,500.

The Tokyo Promoting Committee is planning to entertain 1,000 delegates in Japanese homes during the eight days of the Convention, for lodging and breakfast. The value of this contact is apparent.

The same committee is planning the erection of a special building for the Convention. A number of unusual courtesies will be granted delegates because of the interest of eminent Japanese in the Convention purposes.

Reference to the Tour plans (See World's Sunday School Association, Tokyo, Bulletin No. 1, which can be obtained by request) will indicate the variety of the trips offered, as to time, places and expense, in order to fit all needs.

5—Tokyo Program

The theme of the Convention will probably be "THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORLD PROGRESS." It is purposed, however, to broaden the program so that the Convention shall adequately emphasize the larger aspects of missionary and church advance, that an entire impression of

the relationship of Christianity to the new day may be made.

For treatment of these themes, we shall draw upon the world's outstanding Christian statemen, educators, Sunday-school and church leaders. These men will be selected with reference to their ability to present the particular subjects.

The special features of the Convention will be announced later. They will be an advance upon anything thus far undertaken in World's Conventions.

Following the Convention it is proposed to have some of the chief Convention addresses presented at such centers as Seoul, Shanghai and Manila.

It is also purposed to have a body of men, chiefly strong laymen, visit the principal centers of Japan to give personal testimony before groups of Japanese leaders, as to the value of a Christian experience.

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